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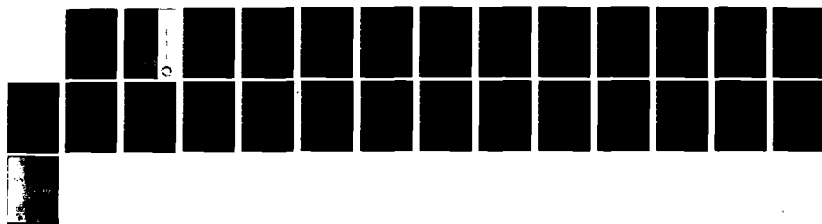
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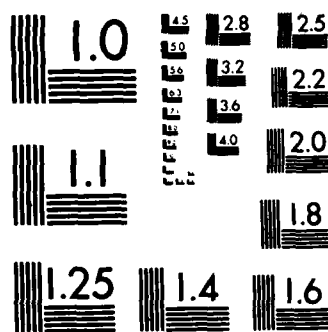
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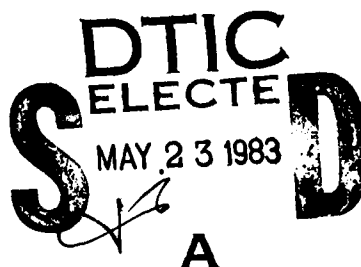
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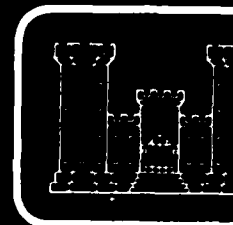
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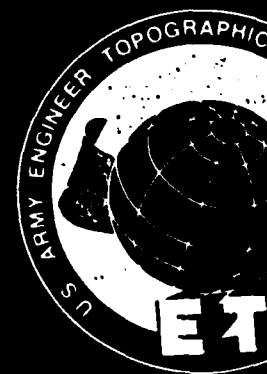
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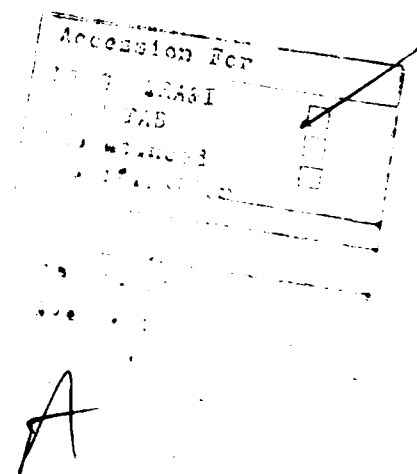
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# PRELIMINARY RADAR FEATURE EXTRACTION AND RECOGNITION USING TEXTURE MEASUREMENT

## INTRODUCTION

Recently an image-domain processing technique was investigated and implemented with an experimental solid-state sensor array-minicomputer system at the U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories (ETL).<sup>1</sup> The system employs a 32-element by 32-element solid-state sensor array to convert images into electronic signals and a minicomputer to process the signals for extracting and classifying the cartographic features from the imagery into preassigned categories based on a feature vector. The images under test and investigation were selected aerial photographs.

The purpose of this effort was to modify and verify the above system for extracting and recognizing features from a selected set of radar imagery of the Huntsville, Alabama, area. Description of the system modification is followed by a discussion of the selection of feature vector components and classification strategy. Classification results for a set of selected radar imagery are presented. Finally, conclusions are given together with comments regarding extensions of this work.

## SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The hardware portion of the system used for this experimentation is essentially the same as the one reported previously.<sup>2</sup> The voltage of the light source was increased because most of the radar imagery was rather dark. A new software program was developed for the extraction of radar features because radar signatures of terrain features are quite different from their counterparts, the cartographic features from aerial photographs.

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<sup>1</sup>P.F. Chen, *A Sensing Array System with Image Statistics Processing*, U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, ETL-0297, May 1982, AD-A119 259.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*

The block diagram of the system is shown in figure 1. A 9-inch by 9-inch glass plate mounted with strips of radar imagery is illuminated by a white light source, and a section of the image is projected onto a Reticon 32-element by 32-element, solid-state array through an imaging lens. The array converts the optical energy of the image into a video signal. The video signal is quantized into 10 bits of digital signals and sent to the Hewlett-Packard 2108 minicomputer for processing. The computer first takes in the quantized signals of 32 pixels by 32 pixels of 1,024 gray levels array. With the brightest and darkest pixels within a frame as the maximum and minimum, this quantized image array is next scaled down to become 32 pixels by 32 pixels of 16 gray levels. The joint probability matrix of this scale array is then obtained. The next step is to compute a feature vector based on the joint probability matrix. Although nine feature vector components were computed, only two are needed for classification of the selected radar imagery. A sequential template-matching classifier is used to classify the input images into one of the preassigned image categories; an image is recognized as a reject if it does not belong to any of these categories. The classification result is then indicated on a CRT console. At the end of classification a signal is sent to the translational stage controllers to move the stages in the predetermined X and Y positions, and a new section of image is projected onto the surface of the solid-state array. The procedure described repeats until all preselected image sections are classified.

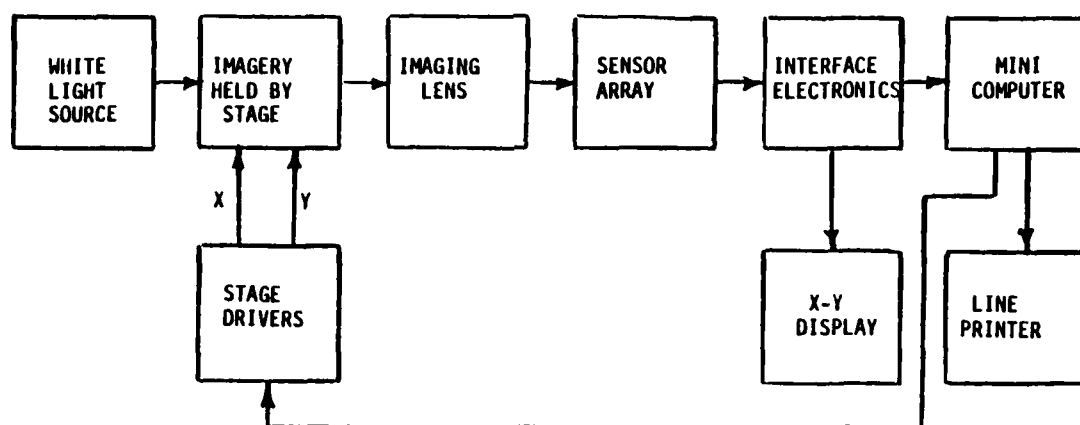


FIGURE 1. System Block Diagram.

## RADAR FEATURE EXTRACTION

The system described in the previous report uses image histogram and image texture as the bases for developing a feature vector.<sup>3</sup> Only the image-texture technique was considered for the extraction of radar features from a selected set of radar imagery because the image categories of interest are easier to separate.<sup>4</sup>

Image-texture features (second-order image statistics) are based on the definition of the joint probability distribution of pairs of pixels. Pratt stated that the two-dimensional histogram can be considered as an estimate of joint probability distribution.<sup>5</sup> Consider a pair of pixels  $F(j, k)$  and  $F(m, n)$  that are separated by  $\gamma$  radial units, and are at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the x-axis of the measurement window. The histogram estimate of the second-order distribution is given by Pratt<sup>6</sup> as

$$P(a, b) = \frac{N(a, b)}{M} \quad (1)$$

Where  $M$  is the total number of all occurrences in the measurement window and  $N(a, b)$  denotes the number of occurrences for which  $F(j, k) = a$ ,  $F(m, n) = b$ . Various texture measures that have been used in this study are listed in appendix A (and also in ETL--0297).<sup>7</sup> These measures are as follows:

1. Mean
2. Variance
3. Covariance
4. Autocorrelation
5. Absolute Value
6. Energy
7. Inverse Difference
8. Inertia
9. Entropy

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<sup>4</sup>W.K. Pratt, *Digital Image Processing*, New York, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1978.

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>7</sup>Chen, *op. cit.*

For our application,  $P(a, b)$  was made to be symmetrical so that  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$ , and  $V_a = V_b$  (see appendix A). Each input image was first scaled down from 1,024 to 16 gray levels ( $L = 16$ ). Nine components of the feature vector based on these equations given in appendix A and equation (1) were then computed. Equation (1) was evaluated for  $\theta$  values of 0, 45, 90, and 135 degrees. The corresponding feature vector components of different  $\theta$ 's for each image category of interest were compared. It was discovered that only two components of the feature vector, namely the covariance and the autocorrelation, and the number of pixels within the measurement window that are above a specific threshold value (NPATV) were required for classification purposes.

### CLASSIFIER

For the selected set of radar imagery, only two components of the feature vector computed in the previous section plus the number of pixels above a threshold value (NPATV) were used to constitute a three-dimensional sequential template-matching classifier. These three components are as follows:

1. Covariance
2. Autocorrelation
3. The number of pixels above the threshold value (NPATV).

Many prototype image samples were obtained from a set of radar imagery to determine the upper and lower limits of the template values for each image category. Three template ranges for the covariance were defined as follows: water, -2.0 to 1.5; field, 0 to 1.5; and city and forest, 1.5 to 6. The template ranges for the autocorrelation were designated to be city, 0 to 40 and forest, above 40 to 150. Likewise, the template ranges for the NPATV were set to be water, 0 to 500 and field, above 501 to 1023 (see figure 2).

The covariance of the unknown incoming input image is first compared to the template ranges of the covariance template. If its value is within the range of -2.0 to 1.5, then the NPATV of the input image is compared to its corresponding template. If it is equal to or less than 500, the input image is classified as "water." If NPATV is greater than 500 or the covariance is not within the range of -2.0 to 1.5, then the next test will be performed. The sequence of tests is always from "water" to "field" to "forest" and finally to "city" as listed in appendix B. The covariance template is used as the preliminary template for all four image categories of interest. The autocorrelation template is selected as the final decision template for "forest" and "city," while the NPATV template is employed as the final decision template for "water" and "field." Finally, if the unknown image does not belong to any step of the test described, it is then classified as "not recognized."

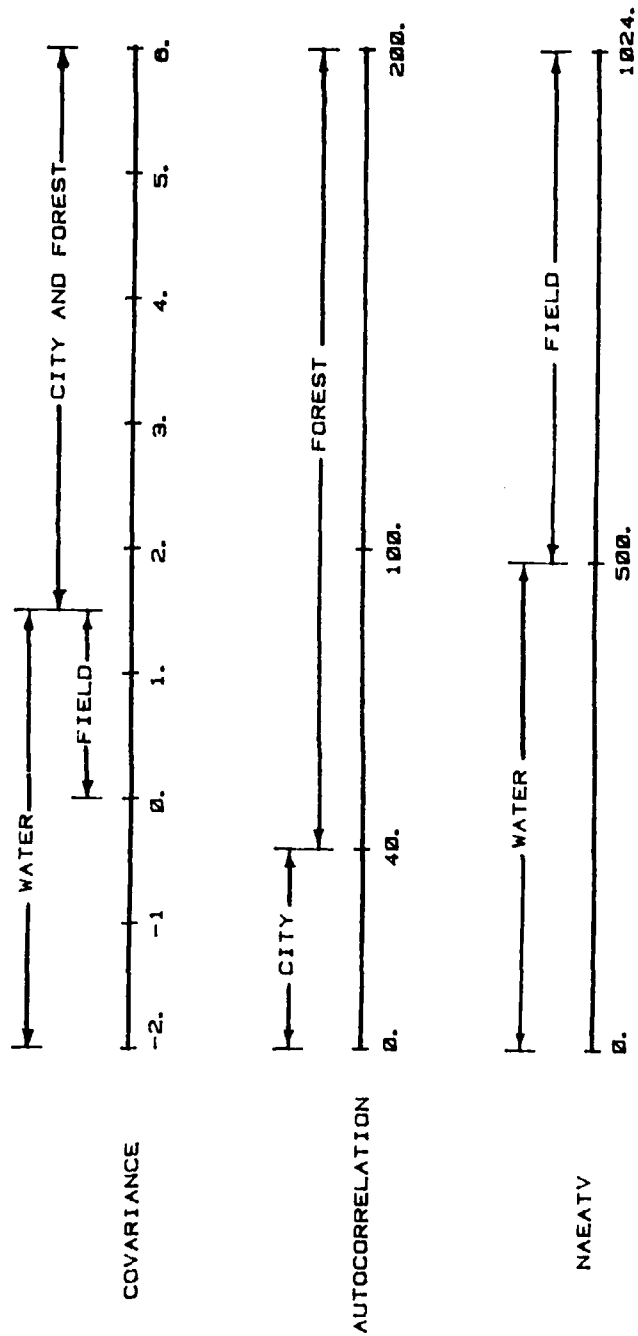


FIGURE 2. Template Ranges for Feature Vector Used for Radar Image Classification.

## TEST RESULTS

A set of high-quality, scale of 1 to 100,000, X-band, synthetic aperture radar imagery from the Huntsville, Alabama, area was used for this experimentation. The set consisted of image categories such as city (combination of commercial and residential structures, DLMS categories #504 FIC 301 and #505 FIC 401), field (agriculture, used primarily for crop and pasture land, DLMS category #510 FIC 950), water (river, smooth fresh water, DLMS category #501 FIC 941), and forest (deciduous, DLMS category #510 FIC 952). Figures 3(a) to 6(a) show the line printer output of the typical radar image categories of city, field, water, and forest respectively. Each is printed in 16 gray shades by line printing. In figures 3(b) to 6(b), the nine feature vector components computed by using equations in appendix A and equation (1) and the NPATV are shown for each image category.

Approximately 100 images covering all four categories were scanned. These images were used as input to evaluate the classification accuracy of the sequential template-matching classifier. The result is illustrated in figure 7. An overall classification accuracy of approximately 92 percent was obtained. The category determination of prototype (or reference) images that were used for this classifier was based on the ground truth located from a map of the same area.

The variations of the feature vector components with respect to the texture-measurement angle,  $\theta$ , for the selected radar-image categories of city, field, water, and forest are illustrated in figures 8 through 11, respectively. The covariance measure for city is highly directional, as indicated in figure 8. The covariance for the horizontal and vertical ( $\theta = 0$  and 90 degrees) directions is almost twice that measured in the diagonal sense ( $\theta = 45$  and 135 degrees). The big jump in covariance of water for the measurement direction,  $\theta = 90$  degrees, was due to a thin, long bright object running through in the vertical direction in that particular measurement window. Other variations are relatively small and insignificant. The classification accuracy shown in figure 7 was obtained by using the texture-measurement angle,  $\theta = 0$  degree.

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SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 5.543 VAR= 5.132 COV= 3.26358
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .04341
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .51052
ENTROPY= 3.75808
CONTRAST= 3.73589
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.39315
AUTOCORRELATION= 34.54231
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 817
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

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(9)

**FIGURE 3. (a) Pictorial Print of Input Image, and (b) Feature Vector Components for City.**









CLASSIFIED CATEGORY		TRUE IMAGE CATEGORY				
		WATER	FIELD	FOREST	CITY	NOT RECOGNIZED
WATER		25	0	0	0	0
FIELD		2	23	0	0	0
FOREST		0	0	23	2	0
CITY		0	0	3	22	0

NUMBER OF OVERALL IMAGES: 100  
 NUMBER OF OVERALL CORRECT CLASSIFICATION: 92  
 PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL CORRECT CLASSIFICATION: 92.0

FIGURE 7. Classification Results for Sequential Template Matching Classifier.

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CITY(0=0 DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 5.483 VAR= 4.852 COV= 3.19426  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .04563  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .52381  
ENTROPY= 3.68050  
CONTRAST= 3.31452  
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ENTROPY= 3.91361  
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INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .52379  
ENTROPY= 3.71620  
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CITY(0=135 DEGREES)

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ENTROPY= 3.88526  
CONTRAST= 4.31842  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.79605  
AUTOCORRELATION= 31.51303  
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 819  
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 8. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to  $\theta$  for City.

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FIELD(0=0 DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 4.667 VAR= 1.443 COV= .96662  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .21235  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .78491  
ENTROPY= 1.94701  
CONTRAST= .95262  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= .50706  
AUTOCORRELATION= 22.74597  
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FIELD(0=45 DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 4.608 VAR= 1.450 COV= .69209  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .20567  
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ENTROPY= 2.01150  
CONTRAST= 1.51509  
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FIELD(0=90 DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 4.614 VAR= 1.419 COV= 1.13963  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .20983  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .80782  
ENTROPY= 1.95769  
CONTRAST= .95867  
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FIELD(0=135 DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 4.589 VAR= 1.447 COV= .69994  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .20528  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .75907  
ENTROPY= 1.99932  
CONTRAST= 1.49428  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= .61184  
AUTOCORRELATION= 21.75858  
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 142  
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 9. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to  $\theta$  for Field.

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WATER( $\theta=0$  DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 11.611 VAR= 4.900 COV= .89838  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .11266  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .51204  
ENTROPY= 2.66173  
CONTRAST= 8.80303  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.69454  
AUTOCORRELATION= 135.72278  
NO. OF ELEMENTS)IT= 0  
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WATER( $\theta=45$  DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 12.200 VAR= 5.371 COV= 1.23459  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .10252  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .50183  
ENTROPY= 2.73039  
CONTRAST= 8.27367  
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WATER( $\theta=90$  DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 10.641 VAR= 6.124 COV= 3.51939  
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INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .55014  
ENTROPY= 2.70480  
CONTRAST= 5.20968  
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NO. OF ELEMENTS)IT= 0  
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WATER( $\theta=135$  DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 11.523 VAR= 4.786 COV= .85403  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .10713  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .47410  
ENTROPY= 2.67107  
CONTRAST= 7.70447  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.77940  
AUTOCORRELATION= 133.64310  
NO. OF ELEMENTS)IT= 0  
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 10. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to  $\theta$  for Water.

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FOREST( $\theta=0$  DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 7.046 VAR= 3.584 COV= 2.33354  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .03534  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .55526  
ENTROPY= 3.67226  
CONTRAST= 2.50202  
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SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

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FOREST( $\theta=45$  DEGREES)

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ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .02932  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .47812  
ENTROPY= 3.86469  
CONTRAST= 3.59625  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.43397  
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.56502  
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SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

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FOREST( $\theta=90$  DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 4.983 VAR= 4.224 COV= 2.79106  
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .02904  
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .51132  
ENTROPY= 3.81064  
CONTRAST= 2.86593  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.27310  
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.55849  
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 966  
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

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FOREST( $\theta=135$  DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000  
AVE= 7.072 VAR= 3.639 COV= 1.58790  
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INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .46320  
ENTROPY= 3.88963  
CONTRAST= 4.10190  
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.52341  
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.59837  
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 965  
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 11. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to  $\theta$  for Forest.



## CONCLUSIONS

1. The image-texture technique provides an effective means for evaluating texture and coarseness of radar area features.
2. The technique is most applicable for extracting and classifying if the search window contains only a single category of radar features such as city, forest, water, or field. Multiple categories of radar features contained in a search window were mostly misclassified or rejected as not recognized. Determination and detection of boundaries between different radar features are subjects of future research.
3. A preliminary classification accuracy of slightly better than 90 percent was obtained for a selected set of radar imagery from the Huntsville, Alabama, area.
4. The technique will be extended, and similar experiments will be conducted for a wide range of radar imagery from various locations and for imagery taken with different radar depression angles.

# APPENDIX A. Feature Vector Components

$$\text{Mean: } \bar{a} = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} a P(a, b)$$

$$\bar{b} = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} b P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Variance: } V_a = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (a - \bar{a})^2 P(a, b)$$

$$V_b = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (b - \bar{b})^2 P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Covariance: } C_o = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (a - \bar{a}) (b - \bar{b}) P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Autocorrelation: } A_u = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} a b P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Absolute Value: } A_b = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} |a - b| P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Energy: } E_g = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} [P(a, b)]^2$$

# APPENDIX A. Feature Vector Components (Continued)

$$\text{Inverse Difference: } I_d = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} \frac{P(a, b)}{1 + (a - b)^2}$$

$$\text{Inertia: } I_n = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (a - b)^2 P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Entropy: } E_n = - \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} P(a, b) \log_2 [P(a, b)]$$

# APPENDIX B. Computer Printout

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0002  C
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0004  C
0005  C      SUBROUTINE TO PERFORM FEATURE CLASSIFICATION FOR PROGRAM
0006  C      "FDTX1"
0007  C
0008      SUBROUTINE FDCT3(COV,AU,ITS,LUOT)
0009      IF(COV.LT.-2.0R.COV.GT.1.50)GO TO 810
0010      IF(ITS.LT.0.0R.ITS.GT.500)GO TO 810
0011      WRITE(LUOT,80)
0012      GO TO 888
0013      810 IF(COV.LT.0.0R.COV.GT.1.50)GO TO 820
0014      IF(ITS.LT.500.0R.ITS.GT.1024)GO TO 820
0015      WRITE(LUOT,81)
0016      GO TO 888
0017      820 IF(COV.LT.1.50.0R.COV.GT.6.0)GO TO 830
0018      IF(AU.LT.40.0R.AU.GT.200)GO TO 830
0019      WRITE(LUOT,82)
0020      GO TO 888
0021      830 IF(COV.LT.1.50.0R.COV.GT.6.0)GO TO 840
0022      IF(AU.LT.40.0R.AU.GT.40)GO TO 840
0023      WRITE(LUOT,83)
0024      GO TO 888
0025      840 WRITE(LUOT,84)
0026      GO TO 888
0027      80  FORMAT(1X,"WATER")
0028      81  FORMAT(1X,"FIELD")
0029      82  FORMAT(1X,"FOREST")
0030      83  FORMAT(1X,"CITY")
0031      84  FORMAT(1X,"THIS CARTOGRAPHIC FEATURE IS NOT SPECIFIED")
0032      999 IF(LUOT.EQ.6)WRITE(LUOT,880)
0033      880 FORMAT("1")
0034      RETURN
0035      END
0036      END$

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